THE HONORABLE RICHARD A. JONES 1 2 3 4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 5 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 6 7 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, No. CR24-203-RAJ 8 Plaintiff, 9 ORDER CONTINUING TRIAL DATE AND v. PRETRIAL MOTIONS 10 TONY SAMOUN, **DEADLINE** 11 Defendant. 12 THE COURT has considered Defendant Tony Samoun's unopposed motion to 13 continue the trial date and extend the pretrial motions deadline and finds that: 14 (a) taking into account the exercise of due diligence, a failure to grant a 15 continuance in this case would deny counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective 16 preparation due to counsel's need for more time to review the evidence, consider 17 possible defenses, and gather evidence material to the defense, as set forth in 18 U.S.C. 18 § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv); 19 (b) a failure to grant such a continuance would likely result in a miscarriage of 20 justice, as set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i); 21 (c) the additional time requested is a reasonable period of delay as the defendant 22 has requested more time to prepare for trial, to investigate the matter, to gather evidence 23 material to the defense, and to consider possible defenses; 24 25 26

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- (d) the ends of justice will best be served by a continuance, and the ends of justice outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in any speedier trial, as set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A); and
- (e) the time requested between the current trial date and the new trial date is needed to provide counsel the reasonable time necessary to prepare for trial considering counsel's schedule and all the facts set forth above.

IT IS ORDERED that the unopposed motion (Dkt. 15) is GRANTED. The trial date shall be continued to August 18, 2025. All pretrial motions, including motions in limine, shall be filed no later than June 30, 2025.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the period of delay from the date of this order to the new trial date of August 18, 2025, is excludable time pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161(h)(7)(A) and (h)(7)(B)(iv).

DATED this 14th day of February, 2025.

The Honorable Richard A. Jones United States District Judge